

Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee – Minutes

2E – Community Room B
City Hall
13450 – 104 Avenue
Surrey, BC
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017
Time: 5:30 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Councillor Hayne– Chairperson
Councillor Gill
T. Allen
C. Annable
R. Benson
M. Booth
B. Burnside
Gurpreet Rai
S. Gill – Youth Representative

Regrets:

C. Murphy

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
N. Aven, Manager, Parks
T. Uhrich, Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager
L. White, Manager Community & Recreation Services
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by R. Benson

and Sport Tourism Committee meeting of October 18, 2017, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**C. STAFF PRESENTATION****1. Patrick Klassen, Community Planning Manager**

Patrick Klassen, Community Planning Manager, was in attendance to provide an update on the 2018 – 2027 Parks, Recreation and Culture Strategic Plan (PRC Plan).

A PowerPoint presentation was shown outlining the project update, highlights of the Draft PRC Plan, implementation and next steps.

The following comments were made:

- There continues to be significant work done on the process and development of the PRC Plan since the last update to the Committee, June 2017, with the bulk of the community consultation process and needs assessment done independently.
- The PRC Plan was developed with an evidence-based-decision-making approach, combining thorough community and stakeholder consultation with a research-based needs assessment. The outcome is a PRC Plan that reflects

community and stakeholder input while prioritizing service and program delivery in a responsive and equitable manner.

- Now in final stages with editing and revisions of the Draft PRC Plan. Phase 2a, community engagement, and Phase 2b, technical review and analysis, were completed at the end of summer, 2017.
- There have been a number of public engagement opportunities, including seven open houses, 11 stakeholder workshops, three surveys, focus group meetings, stakeholder interviews and 28 pop-up events. The response was represented by a broad range of demographics.
- A needs assessment and analysis was undertaken utilizing a range of evidence based research methods including a trend and best practices review, service and facility analysis, comparable community analysis and population and demographic forecasting. (An example of the spatial analysis was shown, which provided service and facility provision mapping, noting the absence of amenities in the Grandview Heights area.)
- As reported previously, the PRC Plan framework will ensure that the vision and mission connect directly with the Sustainability Charter. The objectives and initiatives within the Plan will serve the five strategic goals:
 1. High quality parks and facilities for all;
 2. An engaged and healthy community;
 3. A vibrant and creative city;
 4. Leaders in environmental stewardship; and
 5. Effective management of resources.

All recommendations serve one or more of these five goals and align with the City's Official Community Plan and Sustainability Charter.

- There are approximately 70 recommendations that fall under the six key Park Services Objectives:
 1. Provide parkland to match the pace of growth;
 2. Acquire and preserve natural areas;
 3. Foster environmental stewardship and nature connectedness;
 4. Provide amenities that are well-maintained and resilient;
 5. Create welcoming, relaxing and playful spaces; and
 6. Increase accessibility and participation in outdoor sports.

Highlights include the development of new urban parks in the Newton, Guildford and Fleetwood town centres (smaller version of Holland Park), community parks for Orchard Grove, Sunnyside and West Clayton, Athletic parks in Grandview Heights and Fleetwood, 25 new neighbourhood level parks throughout and a Park Ranger program. Timeframes for delivery of the 43 major park projects range from short (1-3 years), medium (4-6 years) and long (7+ years).

- There are 40 recommendations that fall under the four Community and Recreation Services Objectives:
 1. Increase equitable access for all to participate and be active;

2. Create welcoming and supportive spaces;
3. Strengthen our approach to community engagement; and
4. Develop recreation capacity.

Highlights include new ice rinks in North Surrey and Cloverdale (for a total of five new sheets of ice), new community centres in Clayton (already in design) Grandview, and in partnership to realize a YMCA in City Centre, community centre expansions for Fleetwood and Chuck Bailey, outdoor pool refurbishment and recreation program expansion to focus on families, Indigenous youth, diversity, job skills and outdoor recreation.

- There are also four Parks, Recreation and Culture department wide objectives:
 1. Infrastructure sustainability and renewal. ;
 2. Sport tourism and hosting;
 3. Indigenous Collaboration; and
 4. Administrative and management efficiency.

These four objectives will address maximizing the life span of facilities and planning for climate change, updating the Sport Tourism Strategy as well as a marketing strategy, exploring opportunities for an outdoor stadium as well as an indoor arena, initiatives to advance reconciliation at the municipal level, and initiatives to ensure the very best is done to meet community needs and standards and deliver service efficiently.

- Highlights of sport tourism and hosting will include exploring the feasibility of a multi-purpose outdoor stadium, improving the capacity and comfort of existing outdoor facilities, exploring bids for national and international sporting events, developing new facilities for emerging sports, and working with community partners to advance opportunities for new indoor facilities
- In total, there are 183 recommendations in the PRC Plan to be implemented within the 10-Year Capital Plan. Approximately \$330m in new capital investments, 40% of which is reflected within the current 5-year Financial Plan.
- In terms of the 10-Year Operating Plan, this is a forecast \$26m with consideration funding through other means.
- With the final open house and public engagement completed, and the Draft PRC Plan Council Committee review currently underway, production of the PRC Plan is on schedule to begin in January, followed by a final review in February, with the PRC Plan receiving Council approval in March, 2018.

In response to questions from the Committee, the following was reported:

- End of life, with respect to the Newton Arena, is when the facility is starting to cost too much to maintain (e.g. a major slab or mechanical failure, etc.). As there will be much more development in the area in the future, the long term vision is to relocate the arena, by which time it will be approximately 50 years old. Being prepared now is essential as it will require replacement of the whole building at an alternate location.

- Recognizing that priorities and interest change, the PRC Plan is intended to be flexible and can accommodate emerging trends, future infrastructure money and partnership opportunities.
- Development of the PRC Plan is a complex process. A very comprehensive process that compliments population forecasting was used for the example before the Committee which forecasts what to expect during the course of 10 years while still keeping a close eye on what is going on in the neighbouring communities. This is just one technique that has been used; the analysis has been over a year long, and relies on staff and consultations for establishing recommendations.
- Athletic parks were explored in detail. Grandview and Fleetwood are the location for brand new parks at this time, acknowledging that there are others to come. Focus will continue for Newton and Cloverdale as they continue to grow. New athletic fields are also envisioned for Clayton and Sunnyside Saddle as well. The focus for the purposes of the presentation was on the big picture, but there is a whole city-wide approach.
- Plans to communicate the PRC Plan broadly will begin early in the new year through press releases, social media, etc.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the presentation and further suggested that, once complete, that information about the PRC Plan be available at the City's recreation and community centres to advertise and engage people.

2. **Victor Jhingan, Project Manager, Engineering Design and Construction**

Victor Jhingan, Project Manager, Engineering Design and Construction, was in attendance to provide an update on the 105 Avenue Connector and Hawthorne Rotary Park Improvements Project.

A PowerPoint presentation was shown to provide a brief outline of project updates and next steps.

The following comments were made:

- There has been considerable progress since the presentation to the Committee in June, including that Council voted unanimously to proceed at the November 6, Regular Council Public Hearing meeting.
- Recommendations in Corporate Report R223 includes the following commitments:
 - Connecting City Centre to Guildford Town Centre with a green, multimodal road (complete with sidewalks, cycle tracks and a pedestrian area with a primary purpose to provide access);
 - \$3M of initial amenity improvements to Hawthorne Park (including moving the parking lot and developing a new trail to connect to the Quibble Creek Greenway);
 - Accelerated completion of Hawthorne Rotary Park Master Plan;

- Acquiring approximately 5 acres of high quality land, increasing Hawthorne Park by 1.0 acre; and
- Adding a net increase of 700 trees (200 net increase of trees to Hawthorne Park).

(Renderings of the wetlands and parking lot were shown to demonstrate the investments to be delivered.)

- The wetland area provides three purposes: wetland for fish species and amphibians; drainage to cleanse water before it goes to the Bon Accord Creek; and the park features including a boardwalk that crosses the pond itself and a gateway entry plaza.
- A second public information meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2017 at Riverdale Elementary School to engage with the community further to confirm Council's decision and to request their feedback on the information for the implementation plan and schedule an on any further amenity programming. An extensive notification process was implemented through a broad mail out letter, newspaper ads, website, social media, key stakeholders (community associations, 'Save Surrey Parks', School District 36, Hjorth Road Elementary, PAC).

In addition to the comments provided, Neal Aven, Manager, Park, noted the following with respect to the Hawthorne Rotary Park Master Plan process:

- In addition to the relocation of the playground, some potential ideas for future consideration include a new waterpark, new washroom facilities and a dog off-leash area.
- Some of the work is needed relatively quickly. The playground is nearing the end of its life; staff are looking to complete it in 2018 and bring back the Master Plan for further review in 2018.
- Looking for other community ideas as well. The information was to attend the open house, but also reached out to the PAC to have discussion.

An overview of the implementation plan and schedule was given, noting the completion of the Hawthorne Park Master Plan is anticipated early 2018, and initial park improvements will take place March – September, 2018. Road work construction will take place in phases for work on 105 Avenue: between Whalley Boulevard and 144 Street (January to November, 2018); between 148 Street and 150 Street (March to November, 2018); and between 144 Street and 148 Street (2019/2020).

A brief discussion ensued with respect to possible construction on 104 Avenue and the lack of notification to the area residents/businesses. In response, staff reported that they have not notified the residents or businesses that the original consideration of a major water main and major water sewer from 104 Avenue is being abandoned and that there will not be any physical construction on 104 Avenue. The only construction will be to reroute the existing storm sewer to 105 Avenue to tie in to the water main works; this is very minor work in the grand scheme of the project. It was suggested that staff coordinate with the Downtown BIA to ensure this information is available to residents and businesses concerned.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to possible construction on 104 Avenue and the lack of notification to the area residents/businesses. In response, staff reported that they have not notified the residents or businesses as no major work on 104 Avenue is planned, and the existing feeder watermain is being abandoned without the need for any physical construction on 104 Avenue. The only construction on 104 Avenue required will be to reroute the existing storm sewer at the intersection of 148 Street and 104 Avenue. It was suggested that staff coordinate with the Downtown BIA to ensure this information is available to residents and businesses concerned.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2018/2019 Fees & Charges By-law Amendment

File No. 1810-01

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated November 6, 2017, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee recommend that:

1. Council endorse the proposed Fees and Charges increases to the existing By-Law 15391: Parks, Recreation & Culture Admissions, Passes and Rental Fees, as outlined in the report;
2. The introduction of new facilities and the re-assessment of current facilities be updated to reflect our rental amenities;
3. The 2018/2019 Fees and Charges Schedule, attached as Appendix VI, be adopted and added to the Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture Fee-Setting By-law; and The introduction of new facilities and the re-assessment of current facilities be updated to reflect our rental amenities; and
4. A copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council's reference when they approve the recommendations.

The following comments were made:

- A review of the fees and charges is a process undertaken annually. Comparison grids to other municipalities are used to identify how competitive the City's Parks, Recreation and Culture programming and facilities are regionally, the response from its patrons, and where the City is meeting costs relative to operations.
- Pricing is considered individually, not a blanket increase across all services; looking at where to go forward with increases between 2% - 4%, and where it is reasonable to hold without an increase.
- Pleased to see the 0% increase for children and youth, it is appropriate.

- Although not extensively covered in the report, it should be highlighted that Parks, Recreation and Culture offer a very generous Leisure Access Program, providing access to recreation activities at no cost for children, youth and seniors, and a 75% discount for adults. Individuals that are experiencing economic challenges can, through an application process, have access to the program, ensuring that financial need does not present barriers to participation.
- There are currently 14,000 active Leisure Access Passes. Approximately \$1.4 million in subsidy is provided for various programming, with the majority utilized through registration at a 75% discount for children and youth programs offered such as swimming lessons, summer camps, etc.

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by C. Annable

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated November 6, 2017, entitled "*2018/2019 Fees & Charges By-law Amendment*" as information, and that a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by C. Annable

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee recommend that:

1. Council receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Services, dated November 6, 2017, entitled "*2018/2019 Fees & Charges By-law Amendment*" (attached as **Appendix 1**), as information;
2. Council endorse the proposed Fees and Charges increases to the existing By-Law 15391: Parks, Recreation & Culture Admissions, Passes and Rental Fees, as outlined in the report;
3. The introduction of new facilities and the re-assessment of current facilities be updated to reflect our rental amenities; and
4. The 2018/2019 Fees and Charges Schedule, attached as Appendix VI, be adopted and added to the Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture Fee-Setting By-law; and The introduction of new facilities and the re-assessment of current facilities be updated to reflect our rental amenities.

Carried

2. Pickleball Update

File No. 6140-20/P

The memorandum from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated November 5, 2017, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report as information.

The following comments were made:

- Great news for the Pickleball communities of both Clayton and South Surrey.
- The tennis court in Clayton needed updating and the timing of the upgrade for the 2018 summer season is perfect to include pickleball lines at the same time.
- The redevelopment and seismic upgrades to Metro Vancouver's Sunnyside Reservoir #1 scheduled to begin in the summer of 2018, and the support from Metro Vancouver for the City to utilize the surface of Sunnyside Reservoir #1 as a pickleball-only facility, provides an excellent opportunity to address the growing demand for pickleball facilities in South Surrey. These new courts will be located in close proximity to the South Surrey Recreation Centre as well as adequate parking and other park amenities.

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by G. Rai

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated November 5, 2017, entitled "*Pickleball Update*", as information.

Carried

3. **Update on Holland Park Urban Beach and City Centre YMCA**

File No. 6140-20/H

The memorandum from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated November 5, 2017, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report as information.

The following comments were made:

- The Holland Park Urban Beach request presented to the Committee in late 2016 is an exciting proposal however, as outlined in the subject report, there are constraints at this time to be able move forward with the idea.
- The actual development of such an amenity would come from DCC and amenity charges which are not available right now, and a public open house process would also be required.
- With respect to the future City Centre YMCA, a timeline on that project has not yet been determined as it is still in the early stages. Currently working with a partner who is working with the Century Group who owns land south of Holland Park; a great location that would also activate the park further.

Some conceptual work is underway, working with the City's Engineering department with respect to roads, etc. Moving ahead in due course.

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and
Design Manager, dated November 5, 2017, entitled "*Update on Holland Park Urban
Beach and City Centre YMCA*", as information.
Carried

4. Sport Tourism Report – September 2017

File No. 6980-01

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated November 9, 2017, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report as information.

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism
Committee receive the report from General Manager, Parks, Recreation and
Culture, dated November 9, 2017, entitled "*Sport Tourism Report – September, 2017*",
as information.
Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Calendar of Events

The calendar of upcoming Parks, Recreation and Culture and Community Events was acknowledged.

2. Verbal Update

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided the following update:

- **23 WRAParound Program** - Youth have been engaged in volunteer opportunities this year through our new “accommodated” (supervised level 1) volunteer opportunities. This program specifically focusses on youth at risk and/or youth that are experiencing challenges, and provides volunteer opportunities to engage positively with the City.
- **The Winter Recreation Guide** – Online registration started on Sunday, November 26th, offering families a variety of aquatic, gymnasium, arena, fitness, arts and general interest programs at various recreation facilities from January through April, 2018.
- **20th Annual Winter Ice Palace** – Takes place at the Cloverdale Arena from December 22 to January 7th. This traditional, festive activity is a great way for families to be active while getting into the Christmas spirit. The Winter Ice Palace will also be open on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.
- **Christmas with Santa Events** – Various recreation centres are offering the popular **Breakfast with Santa** event for children and families to enjoy from December 2nd to December 16th. In addition, the Newton Arena and North Surrey Arena are hosting **Skate with Santa** events on December 9th and 10th, with everyone welcome to meet Santa while enjoying time on the ice.
- **Winter Fest 2017** - Organized in partnership with MYzone and the Youth Engagement Program, this event takes place on December 16th at the Guildford Recreation Centre and aims to bring family and friends together while participating in holiday festivities. Everyone is welcome to enjoy cookie decorating, holiday crafts, games, treats, sports challenges, a photo station and more.
- **Recreation Passes** – A variety of recreation passes are available to support and encourage recreation participation for everyone. These include:
 - **Recreation Pass Promotion** - Back this year with the tag line “One pass. Unlimited Possibilities”, patrons who purchase an Annual Recreation Pass between December 1, 2017 and January 31, 2018 will receive a free month as well as unlimited citywide drop in access to over 25 facilities and 1,000 weekly fitness activities. Fully loaded, modern fitness centres, gym sports for all ages, public swimming and aquatics classes, public skating and ice sports and numerous family and seniors activities are offered.
 - **MY Fun Pass** – Since August 2017, the MY Fun Pass offers parents a place for their children ages 2 to 12 years to recreate after school, weekends and during holidays. To-date there have been nearly 300 passes issued and, with the pass being prorated as time goes by, it is anticipated this pass will continue to gain demand.
 - **School’s Out Fun Pass** – Introduced last year, this recreation pass offers unlimited drop in access to all City of Surrey facilities over the Christmas holiday as well as Spring Break. This year, the pass will be renamed to Family Fun Pass and will still be offered to all ages during the holidays

(December 22 to January 7). The marketing behind the name change is to appeal more to families and doing activities as a group over the Christmas break (or Spring Break.)

- **Provincial Summit on Aging** - The City of Surrey successfully hosted the first Provincial Summit on Aging. With over 200 delegates including non-profit executive directors, community volunteers, members of local government and academia, there was a diverse representation from throughout the Province of BC.
- **Jump Zone** - In partnership with Canadian Tire, and working with the Surrey School District, staff are happy to announce the Jump Zone program has secured staff to pilot test in 1-2 school sites in the current school year. If successful, the desire is to scale this model to additional schools in the 2018/2019 school year (potential for scale to 12 new sites and to additional sites in future years).
- **Youth Speak Up Forum** - 120 youth from 13 different secondary schools took part in the Youth Speak Up Forum held at Surrey City Hall on October 27th. This day-long forum organized by youth for youth (the Youth Leadership Council), offers workshops and opportunities for young leaders to learn, share and grow, and to speak up and discuss community issues.
- **Forsyth Park Grand Opening** - To a very welcoming crowd, new park amenities were unveiled for the community on Saturday, October 28th. With 3.03 hectares (7.5 acres), Surrey's newest park includes the TD Nature Play Area, a big and small dog off-leash area, picnic areas and a series of walking pathways. TD Bank Group provided a \$500,000 grant to the City of Surrey to build the TD Nature Play Area in Forsyth Park as one of the seven major 'TD Common Ground Projects' across Canada.
- **Garden Light Festival** - The Parks Division, with the assistance of Arts Services, hosted the annual **Garden Light Festival** at Bear Creek Park on November 8th and 9th. Expanding to a two day event for 2017, the Garden Light Festival included activities celebrating Canada 150. An estimated 6000 people came out and enjoyed the light display, activities, and entertainment. The response was incredible with a year over year increase in attendance of over 4,000. Telus came on board as a major sponsor for the event this year and staff are already having discussions on how to continue on the successes of this event in 2018.
- **2017 Surrey Tree Lighting Festival** - Juno award-winning singer-songwriter Ruth B. headlined the 2017 Surrey Tree Lighting Festival on November 25th at City Hall Plaza. This year's Surrey Tree Lighting Festival featured several new attractions, activating every corner of City Hall, the Library and Plaza. An expanded holiday market offered an abundance of locally-made goods; attendees also experienced the Holiday Fun Zone on University Drive that included a free zip line, amusement rides, road hockey, a Canada 150 zone and a DJ. The busiest to date, the festival entertainment throughout the day included Vernon five-piece alternative rock band 'Daysormay', jazz-soul singer Krystle Dos Santos plus over 20 additional performers, choirs and children's entertainers.
- Following up to the two Committee requests from a previous meeting, the following was noted:

- **Unwin Park** – Parks staff are evaluating current bench and shelter placement in Unwin Park and will report back in January with information and potential next steps (i.e. community consultation to ascertain desire for a new amenity).
- **Needles** - Parks staff are preparing an information report for the next meeting that outlines practices and procedures in relation to sharps disposal in Parks.
- **South Surrey Waterpark** - Construction of this wonderful amenity was completed for the Labour Day long weekend. Planning for a formal opening in spring 2018 is underway.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 17, 2017** in **Meeting Room 2E – Community Room A**.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by R. Benson
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Bruce Hayne
Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee